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FOR DETECTING LIQUID)
AMOUNT IN LIQUID)
CONTAINER AND LIQUID)
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,616,929
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,325,500
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,422,674
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,530,654
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,598,963
- (6) U.S. Patent Publication. No. 2004-0017445
- (7) JP 07-218321
- (8) JP 07-311072

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Documents (7) and (8) were cited in the specification at page 2, and are believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted therein. Document (1) is believed to be the English-language counterpart of Document (7).

Copies of the cited Japanese documents, as well as the English-language abstracts therefor, are enclosed.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning the appropriate portion of the attached Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.


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